

## Minutes of Southern Utah Veterans' Home – Ivins, Advisory Board Meeting 8-14-2013

Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole on August 14, 2013 at 4:00pm.

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance were led by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole.

### **The following Board Members in Attendance:**

Bill Toole, Chair  
Lloyd Laycook, Vice Chair  
Terry Dunne  
Chris Hart  
Bill Stay  
Steve Roberts

### **Board Members Excused:**

David Chung  
Carole Grady  
Ron Lee  
Donna Lister

A quorum is present with 6 out of 10 Board Members.

Staff to the Advisory Board; Jacqueline Peterson, State Officer, Staff to the Advisory Board  
Avalon Administrator; Jerry Olson

### **Visitors**

Avalon Healthcare Staff; Faye Lincoln, Derek Gasser  
Kim Wixon, State Officer, George E Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home  
Rick Hughes & Edward Hlavka , Eagle Monument Project & Sculpture  
Jack Kincaid, Disabled American Veterans  
Ed Baumgarten, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Chairman Bill Toole welcomed all in attendance to the Southern Utah Veterans Home - Ivins board meeting.

**Minutes** of July 10, 2013 were approved as read.

Presentation was made from Kim Wixon on behalf of Terry Schow, former retired Executive Director a framed patriotic picture.

### **Memorial Park Discussion**

Bill Stay talked about the possible structure of the memorial park. He suggested that we build a healing park for all family members to visit. He constructed a brochure discussing this in great detail and briefed his plan on the purpose of the park. Discussed numerous monuments to be placed at this memorial park.

Mayor Chris Hart also stated that this memorial park would be a great place for veterans and family members to visit in the future. Would be a very peaceful place. This property is state owned and needs state approval on what is decided. Fund raising for this park has been ongoing and donors are expecting the bricks. Mayor Hart discussed how much money was raised and the total was approximately \$31,000.00. He has asked an architect to design the park and present to the Advisory Board Members. The city of Ivins is totally in a support role.

Edward Hlavka, Sculpture of Eagle Monument talked about the idea of eagle by itself covers everyone involved in paying tribute to veterans & family members. Original design was a 16 foot eagle and now will be a 10 foot eagle. The design of the eagle could work on a pedestal/triangle shape and bronzed cast with the eagle. Eagle itself would be around \$56,000 to \$86,000.

Exact site of the memorial park has not been finalized and that an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Mayor Chris Hart, Ed Hlavka, Bill Stay and Ron Lee was proposed to meet on August 28, 2013 and report back at our next board meeting.

**Motion** was made by Bill Stay and seconded by Lloyd Laycock to advise Executive Director, Gary Harter to move forward with this memorial park project.

**State Officer** Jacqueline Peterson reported on the installation of the wind sculptures outside community 100. Lyman Whitaker the artist matched original donation of \$32,000. He is planning on installing four different pieces of art at all nine communities. Employees of Home Depot visited our facility to put the veterans home in for the "Home Depot Community Grant Program", which will provide the following; patio furniture, misting system, shed, barbecue's. Charitable Donations from this day forward need to go directly to Jacquee. Make sure all checks are either made out to "Southern Utah Veterans Home - Ivins or Department of Veteran & Military Affairs (UDVMA)" with a donation target for example; Eagle Monument, Brick Donation, Room Sponsorship ect. Desert Rodders of Southern Utah presented a check to the Southern Utah Veterans Home in the amount of \$5,274.23. Delta Disaster Services is sponsoring a golf tournament on September 11, 2013 at the Ledges Golf Course. All proceeds from this golf tournament will go to the veterans home. Please go show your support for this great event. Congressman Chris Stewart is visiting our facility on August 28, 2013 at 3:00pm. Water damage construction has been completed.

**Avalon Healthcare** Jerry Olson reported on admissions and our current census is five. Current inquiry list is still ongoing and grows every day has at least 50 solid veterans. Current employee numbers are 26 on payroll out of those 10 are from Ivins and 1 RN is a veteran. Open House has been scheduled for August 28, 2013 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Will receive formal invitation in the mail. Medicare/Medicaid Survey has been completed today and they intend to recommend that be certified. Will receive official letter in the next couple of weeks. Reported on VA recognition survey once we have 21 veterans we will ask for them to come and get us certified. Jerry talked about short term rehabilitation can be done now in our facility. Which means if a veteran comes from the hospital for a knee replace they can get rehab done and return home. Currently have three hospice contracts for this facility. Discussed different ways how Avalon is

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marketing our facility to the outlining areas. Have had numerous groups out to the facility for lunch to get the word out about our facility. Will contact the local police department and emergency medical systems to talk about our facility on how we report crimes/allegations of abuse.

### **Old Business**

Lloyd Laycock stated that the status of cooperate sponsors for the flags that will be placed in every room is still ongoing.

Oath of Office has been not sent to all board members and Kim Wixon stated he would check on this issue. All board members are still waiting on Appointment Order & Oath of Office

Charitable trust account has been closed. All funds are now in the 2380 account and subdivided into all four veterans home.

### **New Business**

Kim Wixon stated that Jacquee as a state employee cannot purchase state or federal flags from Colonial Flags must go through state purchasing. All flags that are hung on the wall must be fire treated. Power chairs must be decided upon by Avalon they are the operators and decide on what residents can use.

As a board how can we reach out to the outlining communities to let them know about our facility. We need to reach out to the vast community of veterans. Get the word in the newspaper. Avalon would be the one to reach out to all nine counties.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2013  
November 13, 2013  
December 11, 2013

The meeting was adjourned without ceremony by Chairman Bill Toole at 5:38pm